

Earlier Diagnosis of Cancer Research Event

Speaker Biographies

Professor Sean Duffy

Programme Clinical Director and Alliance Lead, West Yorkshire & Harrogate Cancer Alliance and Strategic Clinical Lead / Programme Director for Leeds Cancer Programme

Professor Sean Duffy is the lead for the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Cancer Alliance. He is also the strategic clinical lead for the Leeds Cancer Centre. Prior to these roles he was the National Clinical Director for Cancer for NHS England during which the new strategy for cancer (Achieving World Class Cancer Outcomes) was developed and published.

Professor Richard Neal

Professor of Primary Care

Professor Richard Neal returned to Leeds in August 2016 from Bangor University where he was Professor of Primary Care Medicine and Director of the North Wales Centre for Primary Care Research. Prior to this he was a Research Training Fellow, Lecturer and Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Research in Primary Care at the University of Leeds.

Dr Stephen Bradley

Clinical Research Fellow, The University of Leeds

Dr Stephen Bradley is a GP at York Street Practice, Leeds and a clinical research fellow at the Academic Unit of Primary Care, University of Leeds. He is undertaking a PhD on the role of imaging in cancer diagnosis, funded by Cancer Research UK.

Dr Rob Eastham

Clinical Lead for Planned Care (Digital), NHS Leeds CCG

Dr Rob Eastham is clinical lead for planned care at the NHS Leeds CCG with a focus on digital. Rob believes passionately that technology can be a powerful tool for improving patient care. Rob is currently pursuing quality improvement activities which leverage existing technology to improve the patient experience and free up much needed clinical resources. Before switching to medicine Rob was partner in a business creating multimedia training resources for the medical profession.

Dr Jane Heyhoe

Senior Research Fellow, Bradford Institute for Health Research (BTHFT)

Dr Jane Heyhoe has a background in Health Psychology and graduated from the University of Leeds with a BSc (Hons) in Psychology in 2008 and an MSc in Psychological Approaches to Health in 2009. She is currently involved in a number of studies in primary care where she is working with primary care stakeholders to identify interventions which may help patients assist in diagnosing cancer earlier in primary care and in work which is exploring the role of emotion and cognition in diagnostic decisions made by GPs.

Caroline Reynolds

Research Practitioner, Bradford Institute for Health Research (BTHFT)

Caroline Reynolds qualified as an Operating Department Practitioner in 2004 and has been working within the Yorkshire Quality & Safety Research Group (YQSRG) since 2011. In 2018 she graduated from the University of Leeds with an MSc in Health Research. Caroline supports a wide range of research studies, including patient involvement in the diagnosis of cancer in primary care.